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Applicant:

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Title:

SURFACE FINISHING APPARATUS AND RELATED

METHOD

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 29, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

Please amend the application as follows: